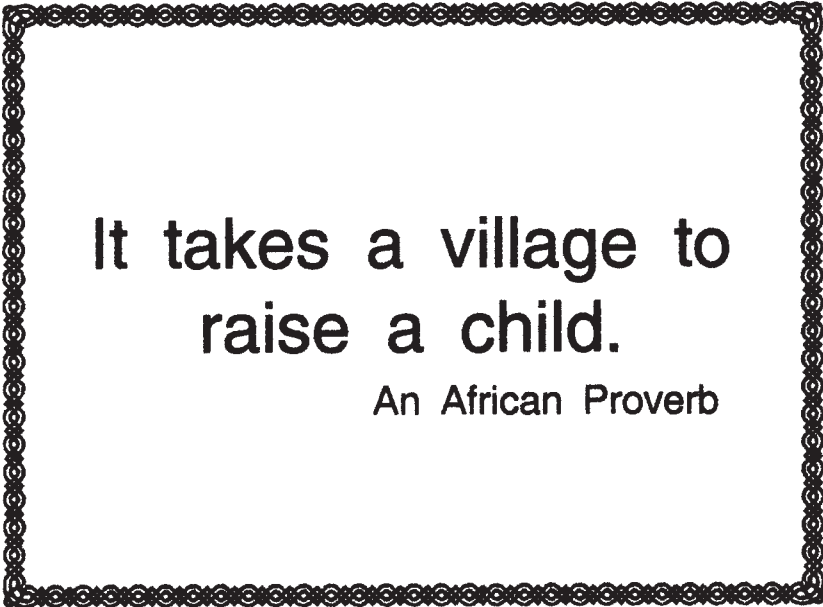


## Appendix IX

### Samples of Parent Appreciation Letters



**It takes a village to  
raise a child.**

An African Proverb

Thank you for being part of  
Richie's village.

February 9, 1997

Roxanne Cortright  
TASK  
100 West Cerritos  
Anaheim, CA 92805

Feb 11 1997

Dear Roxanne,

It has been awhile since I have talked to you last, but I think about you often. Brian has really taken off on the computer. We have spent much time trying to teach him keyboards, and trackballs and mice; but have finally settled on letting him use a touch window. At school, because "Brian's" computer is used by so many different students, it gets knocked around a lot and always needs to be recalibrated. He gets very frustrated with it when it doesn't work as he presumes it should.

So, for home, we have purchased a touch monitor for him. I am not sure you are familiar with the item, but it's a plug and play monitor that just plugs into your computer and executes any task that you can do with a mouse. It's awesome! The first one I saw was in a gas station. But my weeks of tracking the product down have been well worth it! Brian has pretty much mastered living books kind of programs, and now we are looking for recommendations that you might have for software that would be, well, maybe more "educational".

I am looking forward to hearing from you, at your convenience, of course. Thanks again for starting us on such a wonderful adventure!

With much appreciation,

A handwritten signature, possibly "A. D.", is written below the text "With much appreciation,".

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY,  
ADMINISTRATION, AND COUNSELING

November 11, 1998

Ms. Brenda Smith  
Team of Advocates for Special Kids  
100 W. Cerritos  
Anaheim, CA

Dear Brenda:

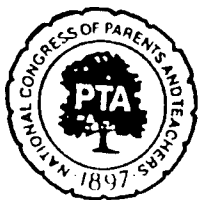
On behalf of my students in the course: "Orientation to Professional School Psychology," I want to thank you for your presentation to them. As usual, you were well-informed. The students felt you were an excellent representative for TASK since you were able to get your points across in a friendly but firm manner. Your discussion of the numerous "negotiations" that TASK can get involved in indicates that you have a busy agenda. Also, once again, thanks for taking the trouble to bring the copies of the SDE special education laws publication.

My students and I are looking forward to a continued association with you and TASK in the years to come.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Kampwirth, Ph.D.  
Professor



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February 26, 1998

Joan M. Tellefsen  
TASK  
100 W. Cerritos  
Anaheim, CA 92805

Dear Joan,

Thank you for participating in the "Special Education I and II" workshops at our 2nd Annual Parental Issues Conference on February 5, 1998. We received twenty-three evaluations for the workshops and they indicated that the panel was "outstanding". Most indicated the need for more question and answer time which says you generated a lot of thought. We were pleased to add a special education component to our conference as we strive to meet the needs of our increasingly diverse parent community. Thanks for playing a part in that. Thanks also, to your staff members for participating in our "Resources" workshop.

Should you have any suggestions for next year's conference, please forward them to me.

Sincerely,

Barbara Paxton  
Conference Chair